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LONGTIME PUBLIC SERVANT TO RETIRE FROM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Jefferson City (April 21, 2003)---After 30 years of public service, Missouri Public Service Commissioner Sheila Lumpe will retire at the end of the month. Commissioner Lumpe was appointed to the Public Service Commission on June 5, 1997, by Governor Mel Carnahan. In August of 1997, she was named Chair of the Commission and served in that capacity until July 2001.

Prior to her appointment to the Commission, Ms. Lumpe spent 17 years in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was first elected to represent St. Louis County in 1980. Commissioner Lumpe was chair of the House Budget Committee of the House of Representatives when she was appointed to the Commission. In addition to chair of the House Budget Committee, Ms. Lumpe served on a number of Legislative Committees including the Utilities Regulation Committee. Prior to the Legislature, Commissioner Lumpe served eight years (1973-1981) on the University City School Board.

"It has been an honor to be able to serve the citizens of the State of Missouri, first as a legislator and then as a regulatory commissioner," stated Commissioner Lumpe. "Whether it was balancing the state budget or the interests of the consumer and shareholder, I enjoyed the challenges of each and will miss it a great deal. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission should be recognized and commended for their hard work and dedication. We faced many challenges together during my tenure and many challenges remain. I am sure they will be up to the task."

"When I look at my dictionary under public service," stated Commission Chairman Kelvin Simmons, "I see a picture of Sheila Lumpe. We are truly grateful for all of her hard work and valuable insight while at the Commission. It is a bittersweet moment for us at the Commission. We are happy for Sheila and wish her nothing but the best in her retirement but at the same time we will miss her a great deal. I think the citizens of Missouri will miss Sheila Lumpe, a true champion of public service, a great deal as well."